

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of capturing, analyzing, managing, and accessing disparate types and sources of media, biometric, and database information, the method comprising:

- 5 capturing media, biometric, and database information associated with an individual;
- processing the media, biometric, and database information to extract, analyze and sort through digital information associated with a number of individuals; and
- 10 providing a user interface that can be configured to retrieve, view, manage, compare, and annotate the captured information and analysis.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the media, biometric, and database information includes a facial image, voice audio, or fingerprint.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising including time
15 information with the captured media, biometric, and database information associated with an individual to create a multi-modal chronological dossier of the individual.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising forming a summary profile that is an abstract including intelligent portions of various captures of media, biometric, and database information associated with the individual.

20 5. The method of claim 4, further comprising selectively presenting the summary profile in the user interface.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the selective presentation of the summary profile in the user interface is in response to a search query.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing for a user-
25 defined search of digital information associated with a number of individuals.

8. The method of claim 7, further comprising conducting a more like this search when a search result from the user-defined search of digital information associated with a number of individuals is explored.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the more like this search uses speech, facial, and other biometric information to find matches.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein capturing media, biometric, and database information associated with an individual includes using a video camera to capture audio and moving pictures of the individual.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein processing the media, biometric, and database information to extract, analyze and sort through digital information associated with a number of individuals includes analyzing the media, biometric, and database information with respect to identification factors.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein processing the media, biometric, and database information to extract, analyze and sort through digital information associated with a number of individuals includes comparing captured media, biometric, and database information of a first individual with media, biometric, and database information of a number of categorized individuals to find a best match.

13. The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying video thumbnails of video images of the number of individuals on the user interface.

14. A system of capturing, analyzing, managing, and accessing disparate types and sources of media, biometric, and database information, the system comprising:

means for capturing media, biometric, and database information associated with an individual;

means for processing the media, biometric, and database information to extract, analyze and sort through digital information associated with a number of individuals; and

means for providing a user interface that can be configured to retrieve, view, manage, compare, and annotate the captured information and analysis.

5 15. The system of claim 14, further comprising means for including time information with the captured media, biometric, and database information associated with an individual to create a multi-modal chronological dossier of the individual.

 16. The system of claim 14, further comprising means for forming a summary profile that is an abstract including intelligent portions of various captures
10 of media, biometric, and database information associated with the individual.

 17. The system of claim 16, further comprising means for selectively presenting the summary profile in the user interface.

 18. The system of claim 17, wherein the means for selectively presenting the summary profile in the user interface operates in response to a search query.

15 19. The system of claim 14, further comprising means for providing for a user-defined search of digital information associated with a number of individuals.

 20. The system of claim 19, further comprising means for conducting a more like this search when a search result from the user-defined search of digital information associated with a number of individuals is explored.

20 21. A processing system comprising:

 a central processing unit (CPU); and

 a storage device coupled to the CPU and having stored there information for configuring the CPU to:

 capture media, biometric, and database information associated
25 with an individual;

 process the media, biometric, and database information to extract, analyze and sort through digital information associated with a number of individuals; and

provide a user interface that can be configured to retrieve, view, manage, compare, and annotate the captured information and analysis.

22. The system of claim 21, further comprising a presentation device, wherein the presentation device is configured to provide a graphical user interface which presents representations of the captured media, biometric, and database information associated with the individual.

23. The system of claim 21, further comprising an interface device configured to connect the CPU with a network of computers.

24. The system of claim 21, wherein the CPU is further configured to assign timing information to the captured media, biometric, and database information associated with the individual.

25. The system of claim 21, wherein the CPU is further configured to form a summary profile that is an abstract including intelligent portions of various captures of media, biometric, and database information associated with the individual.

26. A graphical user interface configured to retrieve, view, manage, compare, and annotate captured media, biometric, and database information associated with an individual and analysis of the information, the graphical user interface comprising:

a first graphical display area on which graphical representations of a first media or biometric capture can be displayed;

a second graphical display area on which graphical representations of a second media or biometric capture can be displayed; and

a third graphical display area on which graphical representations of a number of individuals matching a search query on media, biometric, or database information are displayed.

27. The graphical user interface of claim 26, further comprising a fourth graphical display area on which a storyboard series of images can be displayed.

28. The graphical user interface of claim 26, wherein graphical representations on the third graphical display area include thumbnails of video images of the number of individuals on the user interface.

29. The graphical user interface of claim 28, wherein the graphical
5 representations on the third display area include a more like this search option.

30. The graphical user interface of claim 29, wherein the wherein the more like this search option engages a search involving speech, facial, and other biometric information to find matches.

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